

# The Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus

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## ***New Novel “Lost Symbol” is Latest Victim of Piracy*** Study of Over 900 Books Discovers Over 9 Million Illegal Downloads

Dear Colleague:

Digital piracy, once confined to music and movies, is now spreading to books. As new and exciting electronic reading devices, such as the *Kindle*, boost demand for electronic books, the problem stands to get even worse.

Less than 24 hours after Dan Brown’s latest novel “Lost Symbol” was released, pirated digital copies of the novel were found on file-sharing sites such as Rapidshare and BitTorrent. According to media reports, within days, the book had been downloaded for free more than 100,000 times.

A new independent study, conducted by an online monitoring service, looked at illegal downloads of 913 popular book titles. On average, each of the titles tracked was downloaded approximately 10,000 times – in other words, over 9 million pirated book copies were downloaded. According to the study, those free downloads represent potential losses of \$2.75-3 billion to the book publishing industry. We invite you to review the full [study](#).

America is the world’s largest creator, producer and exporter of copyrighted materials. Unfortunately, this vibrant sector of the U.S. economy continues to be at great risk due to widespread piracy – the unauthorized reproduction, distribution and sale of U.S.-made movies, music, videogames and other creative works. Over sixty Members of the House and Senate, with a strong interest in protecting American intellectual property and reducing the scourge of piracy abroad, have joined to form the **Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus** – a caucus dedicated to working with our international trade partners to secure the enactment of strong copyright laws and the vigilant enforcement of those laws.

To join the Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus, please contact Shelley Husband of Representative Goodlatte’s office at 5-5431 or Phil Tahtakran of Representative Schiff’s office at 5-4176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam B. Schiff".

ADAM B. SCHIFF  
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Goodlatte".

BOB GOODLATTE  
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